

## Think and Write #7 Explain the two arguments found in the quotes below.

### Quote 1

**"Any law which violates the inalienable rights of man is essentially unjust and tyrannical; it is not a law at all."**

Maximilien Robespierre

### Quote 2

**"Our strength, because it gives to us truth's ascendancy over imposture, and the rights of the public interest over private interests."**

Maximilien Robespierre

# AIM#6 WHY DID THE FRENCH REVOLUTION TURN RADICAL?

## Chapter 20 Section 2



## I. Background to the Terror

### A. Legislative Assembly

#### The Mountain

#### The Plain

#### The Girondins

## B. Leaders of the Revolution

## 1. Jean Paul Marat

- i. Ran a newspaper which called for extreme revolution.
- ii. Assassinated by a Girondin.



## 2. Georges-Jacques Danton

- i. Radical at first.
- ii. Became a compromiser.
- iii. Finally denounced the revolution because of its extremism.



### 3. Maximilien Robespierre

- i. Lawyer and firm supported of the Enlightenment and the Revolution.
- ii. Began as a more moderate Jacobin.
- iii. Headed the Committee of Public Safety.
- iv. Leader of the Reign of Terror.



## C. Why the Radicals gained power

### Event

1. King attempts to flee Paris. (June 1791)
2. War with Prussia and Austria goes badly. (Aug 1791)
3. Émigrés join opposing armies.
4. September Massacre 1792.

### Reaction

1. People distrust Louis.
2. People blame the Monarchy and moderates.
3. Radicals gain more power.
4. Radicals take control.

## II. The National Convention. 1792-1795

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### A. Early Actions

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## B. Committee of Public Safety

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5. Many social reforms:
  - i. .
  - ii. .
  - iii. .
  - iv. .

## C. Reign of Terror (Sept. 1793 - July 1794)

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# Legislative Assembly

## The Mountain

Radicals

Jacobins

Republic

## The Plain

Swing Votes

First  
supported the  
Girondins

Later  
supported the  
Mountain

## The Girondins

Moderates

From the  
Provinces

Constitutional  
Monarchy